

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5 and have canceled claims 3-4, thereby overcoming the rejection.

Conclusion

All of the claims remaining in the case, including newly presented claims, define novel, non-obvious patentable subject matter. Applicants therefore respectfully request removal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Registration No 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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